



Emerson High School

2023-2024

Session 5 Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- **NO SCHOOL, LEAP,** Fri., 3/8
- Mid Session, 3/19
- Summatives for Session 6 DUE Wed., 4/3
- Summative Workshop Days Thurs., 4/4 & Fri., 4/5
- End of 3rd Quarter 4/5
- **NO SCHOOL,** Spring Break, Mon.-Fri., 4/8-12
- **SPRING TESTING COMING IN MAY**

SESSION 6

Starts: March 4

Ends: April 5

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From the Principal

It is hard to believe 2nd semester is in full swing and springtime is around the corner.

As we move into Session 6 and the last 3 ½ months of the year, it is critical that students continue to make adequate progress by attending regularly and passing classes.

Please continue to communicate with staff if you have questions or concerns about whether or not your student is making adequate progress.

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NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

Monday-Friday

April 8-12, 2024



UPCOMING SPRING 2024 SBA ELA (PT and CAT), SCIENCE WCAS & SBA MATH (PT and CAT) TESTING — end of May

SBA ELA testing May 21 for 10th & 11th graders (late start for those not testing at 11:00 a.m., Science WCAS testing May 22 (normal schedule for all with pull-out for 11th graders), and SBA Math testing May 23 for 10th & 11th graders (late start for those not testing at 11:00

DAILY SCHEDULE 2023-24

8:00-8:55	1st Period
9:00-9:50	2nd Period
9:55-10:40	3rd Period
10:45-11:35	4th Period
11:35-12:05	LUNCH
12:10-1:00	5th Period
1:05-1:55	6th Period
2:00-2:50	7th Period

Wednesday Schedule

8:00-8:45	1st Period
8:50-9:35	2nd Period
9:40-10:25	4th Period
10:30-11:15	5th Period
11:15-11:40	LUNCH
11:45-12:30	6th Period
12:35-1:20	7th Period

LEARNING CENTER

Morning Learning Center

8:00-9:55 AM Mon-Fri

CHANGED HOURS beginning Session 6

Evening Learning Center

3:00-6:00 PM Tues & Thurs



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS

SET YOUR CLOCKS **AHEAD** ONE HOUR ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

Happy
Valentine's
Day!

VALENTINE'S DAY FUN!!

On Tuesday, February 14, students and staff met during 3rd period/CORE for the engagement awards and there were Valentine's Day cookies and treats.

Students played the "broken heart" game again and took pictures in the photo booth.

Wednesday was a **PINK OUT DAY** (red was OK as well!).



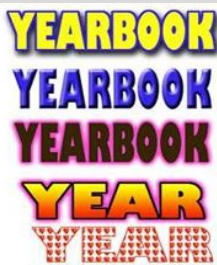
**SPIRIT WEEK IS
COMING**

March 11-15!!

*More information to
come!*

**Even the kids in the Emerson
Daycare joined in the fun!**





The only medications that can be self-carried by students are epipens and emergency inhalers.

We must have proper documentation for students to self-carry these meds.



YEARBOOKS

If you did not purchase a 22-23 yearbook, you still can!! Cost for hardcover is \$28 and softcover is \$18 (includes tax & shipping). Please write check, to EMHS, and give to Mary in the main office.

COSTS FOR 2023-24 YEARBOOKS

Soft cover \$20.00 Hard cover \$27.00

Yearbooks **CANNOT** be purchased directly on the TreeRing site. Only purchase through Office Manager.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Students are NOT allowed to have medication at school, this includes non-prescription medication like Advil, Tylenol, etc. All medication must be cleared through the Emerson Office. Contact Sally Jenkins, our Health Room Office Professional as soon as possible.

Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- ◆ Supplying all medications/transporting medication to and from school.
- ◆ Completing required medication authorization forms. **An authorization to administer medication form must be turned in for each medication - whether prescription or non-prescription. The form must be signed by the health care provider and parent and/or guardian. Medication cannot be given without the completed form.**
- ◆ All prescribed medication must be in the original, labeled prescription bottle, container or package.
- ◆ All non-prescription medication must be in original container and labeled by the parent, including: Student Name, Medication Name, Dosage, Date Issued, Name of Health Care Provider, and Time medication is to be given.

Scheduled medications are given between 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM only.

STUDENT COURSE FEES

Don't forget that If your child is taking an Art or Culinary Arts course, there are fees which are due each semester!

Please make checks payable to Emerson High School and turn in to Mary in the main office. You are also able to pay fees with a credit card online through Family Access for a small fee.

Art 1 or 2, Studio Art, & 2D Art 1 or 2 \$25.00

Art Independent Study \$25.00

Culinary Arts I or II \$10.00

Scholarships are available. Contact your child's teacher or Mary in the main office at mosness@lwsd.org



**You can reach
Wendy:**

wsimmons@lwsd.org

**Mondays through
Fridays
7:45-4:15 pm**

Please feel free to contact
me to schedule a meeting
to talk with you and/or
your student at
(425) 936-2300 or
wsimmons@lwsd.org

**You can reach
Crysta:**

c-ccady@lwsd.org

Mondays 9:30-2:45

Tuesdays 9:30-2:50

**Thursdays 10:00-
2:30**

Fridays 9:30-2:50

I can be reached at (425)
517-1375 where a mes-
sage can be left or
c-ccady@lwsd.org or
crystac@youtheastideservices.org

Counselor Corner

Words from Wendy

As we begin the second semester, I wanted to let you know about some great opportunities for students to participate in classes that occur outside of the school building. Many of these classes allow students to earn college credit while also fulfilling their high school requirements.

WANIC Open House

Washington Network for Innovative Careers – WANIC Skill Center offers Preparatory College and Career Education.

Open House Features 2024-25 Full Year Skill Center Program Opportunities

Learn about WANIC's 2024-25 full year programs designed for high school juniors and seniors. Students enrolled in high schools in Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Northshore, Riverview and Snoqualmie Valley School Districts are eligible to apply. **NO TUITION!**

- **Thursday March 21, 2024**
- **5:00 - 7:00 PM**
- **Lake Washington Institute of Technology**
(Commons/Cafeteria located in the East Building) 11605 132nd Avenue NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

Students, Families, Community are welcome!

PRESENTACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL 5:30-6

Some amazing programs available to next year's Juniors and Seniors...

Registration will open for the 2024-25 school year WANIC Program soon and applications will also begin to be accepted for Fall classes at Running Start soon. Be sure to get your applications in ASAP to make sure you have a spot in the program of your choice. Additional information can be found on the WANIC website at www.wanic.org and on the specific college's websites.

Please see the attachment to this newsletter for information about WANIC and Running Start Bellevue College, Cascadia College, Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Central Washington University - Sammamish and also attached is the Peachjar flyer for Bellevue College Running Start for Summer and Fall Quarters 2024 Information Sessions.

If your student is interested in Running Start or WANIC for next year - please email me to schedule a time for us to talk about the options for next year.

If you are a returning Running Start student you will not need to do the application process again but will need to schedule a meeting with me to register for Fall classes as soon as the college opens registration for Fall Quarter for Returning Students.

WANIC Summer 2024

Summer semester 2024 dates are currently anticipated to be June 25 to July 17, 2024

WANIC Summer Semester information is not available at this time. Please check back early March at <https://wanic.lwsd.org/academics/summer-courses>.

Grade and credit earned will be sent to the student's home high school where they are required to be entered on the student's permanent high school transcript. This includes rising 9th graders.

These Students are Eligible to Apply:

- Open to students entering 9-12th grade and enrolled in the WANIC consortium: Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Northshore, Riverview, and Snoqualmie Valley School Districts.
- Home school and private school students must register with their local public high school. The students ID number provided by your school district is required information at the time of application.
- **No out-of-consortium students will be accepted for Summer Semester. There are no exceptions.**

Students may not apply for a Summer Semester class they have previously completed.

BALANCE IN MIND

I'm excited to share some great resources for parents and caregivers from **Balance in Mind**. We are excited to be partnering with them to provide additional support services to our students this year.

Balance in Mind works with community partners to raise awareness about emotional and mental health challenges facing our youth, to empower parents, and to build communities where our kids grow up healthy, resilient and equipped for life.

For more information, click on the link below:

[Balance in Mind | Lake Washington Schools Foundation \(lwsf.org\)](https://www.lwsf.org/balance-in-mind)

FREE COLLEGE AND FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

Information to help students and families with the college and financial aid process:

- ♦ **Common App Step-by-Step Guide** that walks students step-by-step through each question of the Common Application, including why it's asked and how to best answer. Here is the link <https://www.standoutcollegeprep.com/common-app-guide/>
- ♦ **FAFSA Step-by-Step Guide** that walks students and families through each question of the FAFSA, including screenshots and explanations and a FAQ page for students with special circumstances. Here is the link <https://www.standoutcollegeprep.com/fafsa-questions/>
- ♦ **Washington State Scholarship Directory**, a list of 100+ vetted scholarships for students across the region, broken down by month. Here is the link <https://www.standoutcollegeprep.com/washington-scholarships/>



The 2024 EMHS
Graduation
Ceremony is
scheduled for
Friday, June 14

SENIOR PRODUCTS

Check out Jostens webpage at www.nwgrad.com for information on purchasing caps, gowns, tassels, and other senior products.

A cap and gown can also be borrowed from EMHS—just let Tracy or Wendy know. Tassel and 2024 charm can be purchased from the bookkeeper for \$15—exact cash or check amount written to EMHS.

WWW.NWGRAD.COM



SENIOR FEES & FINES

For your student to walk in the graduation ceremony on June 14 and to receive their diploma,

all LWSD fees/fines and books and/or other materials checked out to them need to be paid for and/or returned.

Please contact *Mary Osness, the EMHS bookkeeper*, if you have any questions or would like a payment plan.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

TheWashBoard.org is a free, student-centered, online clearinghouse for Washington students seeking college scholarships. This user-friendly site allows students to search and apply for verified scholarship opportunities that are specific to their academic interests, college, university, or other criteria. The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is the customer service provider for theWashBoard.org. <http://www.thewashboard.org/login.aspx>

Financial aid and scholarship wizard - US Department of Education financial aid and scholarship wizard. http://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/scholarship_search_select.asp?9733

SallieMae - Scholarship Search - College Answer features over 600,000 scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, internships, and fellowships. <http://go.salliemae.com/scholarship/>

Scholarship Scams – Valuable information from the Federal Trade Commission.

College Board Scholarship Search - Locate scholarship and other information that matches your educational level, talents, and background. <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams>.

For more information on student financial assistance in Washington, contact us at:

**Washington Student Achievement Council, Email: finaid@hecb.wa.gov
Phone: 1-888-535-0747 or 360-753-7800.**



SCHOLARSHIPS



LWPTSA SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, Lake Washington PTSA Council awards a variety of scholarships to graduating seniors. Funding for these scholarships is provided by the generosity of all PTSAs in the district, the continued support and success of Council's Annual Scholarship Auction, and donations from the greater community. Student scholarships—recognizing achievement and community service—assist recipients in their post-secondary education.

For more information, please contact LWPTSA Council's Scholarship Chair at scholarships@lwptsa.net or <https://www.lwptsa.net/scholarships/>.

DUE DATE: Applications open Feb, 2023, applications due by 11:59 p.m. March 29, 2024



BELLEVUE COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bellevue College Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2024-25 student Scholarship Application is now open!

The Bellevue College Foundation Scholarship program is funded by generous donors that include community members, corporations, alumni, and BC faculty, staff, and students. Scholarships are awarded annually to current and prospective BC students. Scholarship awards are based on academic merit, financial need, personal history, achievement, or for specific areas of study.

Scholarship Eligibility: *All new and continuing students who plan to attend Bellevue College in 2024-25 are eligible to apply. You only need to apply once and you will automatically be considered for all scholarships for which you are eligible.*

For additional questions and to find out about scholarship information session, please visit: scholarships@bellevuecollege.edu.

DUE DATE: March 28, 2024



TECH MASTERY SCHOLARSHIP

Rentec Direct would like to support college students by helping them with financing their college education. They are giving away up to four \$500 scholarships. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled, or intend to be enrolled, full time in a computer science degree program, or related field, an accredited U.S. college or university.

If interested, please visit: scholarshipowl.com/scholarships/6723-tech-mastery-scholarship

DUE DATE: April 15, 2024



ASIAN PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND (APCF) SCHOLARSHIPS

The Asian Pacific Community Fund, a nonprofit organization that administers scholarships to eligible high school seniors, has multiple scholarship awards to distribute in 2024.

APCF is excited to partner with local donors to offer scholarship programs annually to financially assist students in their pursuit of higher education. Through a competitive process, scholarship recipients are selected by a review committee based on academic merits, community involvement, leadership skills as well as recommendation from a mentor. Many of the scholarship programs are intended to support low-income youth, and several programs encourage students to study locally at a community college or state university.

Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship Eligibility:

- High school senior living in California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Texas or Washington
- Plan to attend a US accredited 4-year college/university or a community college and will be enrolled as a freshman in the fall of 2024
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted high school GPA of 3.0
- Have a household income at or below the County Low Income Level (must be able to show 2022 or 2023 income tax return if selected for award)
- Open to ALL MAJORS with no ethnicity requirement

Other nationwide scholarships which have some ethnicity restrictions:

The Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund for Taiwanese American students

The Kao Kalia Yang Scholarship for Hmong American students

All scholarships have an online application which is available at <https://www.apcf.org/currently-open-student-scholarships>.

DUE DATE: April 15, 2024



SHINODA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation provides a number of annual scholarships to undergraduates who attend accredited colleges and universities and who are committed to making a career choice in the field of floriculture. Must be entering a two-year or four-year college or university and be pursuing a course of study and a career in floriculture, horticulture, or closely related field.

For more information, visit: <https://www.shinodascholarship.org/index.php/scholarships>

DUE DATE: April 25, 2024



For more complete information on graduation requirements please visit the Washington State Board of Education at:

<http://www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php#.WC3p8eSQyM9>



2024 Senior Graduation Deadlines

Updated 2-28-24

Below are deadlines for graduating seniors if participating in the EMHS graduation ceremony on Friday, June 14, 2024:

- **Tests Required to Pass for Graduation or Meet an Alternate Graduation Pathway*:**

- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) English/Language Arts (ELA) Test
- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Math Test

**Please check with our Counselor, Wendy Simmons, to make sure you have met/will meet the requirement.*

- **April 19** - Photos to Stephanie for senior multimedia presentation (senior photos, baby photos, photos at any age, etc.). Email Stephanie at stmonaghan@lwsd.org
- **June 7** - LWSD fees/fines need to be paid and district books returned if finished using them.
- **June 7** - All assignments turned in to teachers for grading.
- **June 12** - All district books and/or other materials returned.
- **June 12** - All schoolwork, all graduation requirements, and all credit needs to be completed.

Below are deadlines for all other seniors graduating in 2024 but **not planning on participating** in the EMHS graduation ceremony:

- **Tests Required to Pass for Graduation or Meet an Alternate Graduation Pathway*:**

- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) English/Language Arts (ELA) Test
- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Math Test

**Please check with our Counselor, Wendy Simmons, to make sure you have met/will meet the requirement.*

- **June 14** - All LWSD fees/fines need to be paid.
- **June 20** - All schoolwork, all graduation requirements, and all credit needs to be completed. All district books and/or other materials returned.

For more complete information on graduation requirements please visit the Washington State Board of Education at: <http://www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php#.WC3p8eSQyM9>

ABOVE DEADLINES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The 2024 EMHS Graduation Ceremony is
Friday, June 14, 2024

More information will be forthcoming! Stay tuned.

GRADUATION DAY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ALL-SCHOOL/STUDENT PROMOTION BREAKFAST

Date: Graduation **MORNING**

Friday, June 14, 2024

Where: EMHS Commons

Time: 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Students and staff only.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Date: Graduation **MORNING**

Friday, June 14, 2024

Where: Meet in EMHS Commons

Time: 9:50-10:15 a.m.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Emerson Campus Gymnasium

Friday, June 14, 2024

5:00 PM

Grads must arrive at 4:00 pm

Group Photo at 4:30 pm

SENIOR GROUP PHOTO

A senior group photo will be taken at 4:30 p.m. just prior to the graduation ceremony. This picture will hang in the Emerson main hall. An 8" x 10" group photo will also be available for purchase for \$15. Senior group photos must be preordered — **an order form is attached or can be picked up in the main office.** Payment can be made out to EMHS and returned to Mary Osness in the EMHS main office by June 21st.



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**Emerson High School's
main office number is:**

425-936-2300

**with office hours of
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
daily.**

**If you are calling
before or after office
hours, you may leave a
message for the main
office by pressing 2.**

**Please communicate
late arrivals and
absences on the
EMHS**

**Attendance Line at:
425-936-2306**

**Or email Sally Jenkins
at sjenkins@lwsd.org**



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